

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, February 14, 2006 @ 2:15 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Deb Henry, Jerry Notaro, Tina Neville, Karilyn Jaap, Patricia Pettijohn, Berrie Watson, Anita Lindsay, Jean Ferguson

Discussion:

Kathy began the meeting by commenting that the SACS evaluation had gone pretty well and that Dr. Durand was upbeat about the outcome. She had also heard that library staffing would be a concern, commenting that with the Sarasota campus being similar to our campus but using more student staff, we would need to differentiate by showing how much more our librarians do.

Jerry discussed the Access Services search, stating that the committee had conducted phone interviews with three candidates and followed up with references. One candidate kept rising to the top, as the others had weak references, and he will be coming for a live interview on February 23. Deb filled Jerry in on what groups the candidate would need to meet with, and Jim offered to give a campus tour.

Kathy reminded everyone that February 28 is College Day and asked about using the "find your fortune" poster; others suggested Candice's poster, but all agreed that candy should be given out. Kathy also mentioned that at the Midwinter ALA conference, she'd heard a lot about blogs and other ways for librarians to keep up to date.

Berrie commented that he'd heard that EndNotes was being installed on campus, which brought up a discussion from the others about RefWorks and ProCite and the differences between the three software packages.

Anita had originally, by way of email, brought up the question of who could use library study rooms besides USF students, faculty, and staff, so Kathy reopened the topic at the meeting. Karilyn argued for the need to be rigid, while Deb wanted flexibility. Tina said the USF students needed to have priority. Jim suggested that Room 135 on the first floor be reserved for affiliates only, meaning alumni or SAPL, and everyone liked that idea. Kathy then asked Anita to write a new study room policy.

Patricia stated that she has decided to offer the Senior Clerk position to someone and is just waiting to meet with Kathy about the salary. She then talked about how far behind Tampa is in ordering new materials, and that she had a large pool of money on hand for collection development and would like the others to let her know about any big-ticket items they wanted. Kathy mentioned the need for serious ordering in health sciences, but not nursing,

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for the new program under development. Tina asked if she needed to change the profile and was told that she did. Deb brought up the need to do assessment. Kathy suggested asking YBP for yellow slips for retrospective publications, and also mentioned the need to think about periodicals. Karilyn said she'd like JAMA and the New England Journal of Medicine. Patricia suggested conducting collection development meetings on a regular basis, and the others agreed.

Jerry announced that Tom Hagood, an OPS student assistant, was leaving at the end of February, but that luckily an FWSP student had already been hired as a replacement. He also mentioned that A/V had done a tape of the new residence halls for Channel 13.

Tina has returned for half days and thanked everyone for their support during her absence. She has also received five applications for the reference librarian vacancy.

Berrie said he has asked for an active trust with Tampa. All moaned when he stated it was time for a security audit with a change to stronger passwords. He asked if everyone had received the fiscal survey, which they had. He also discussed downloading email attachments in the horseshoe.

Deb commented that only she and Charlotte had sat in on the teleconference about libraries, and she elaborated on some of its topics, such as the need to be more skeptical and open minded, not just sticking to the old ways, and to be less idealistic and more pragmatic in teaching patrons about library research.

Jim stated that he would be doing the annual librarian reviews along with Karilyn and Brian, and he asked that everyone turn in their job assignments by February 20. He also mentioned working on a coffee table book for the Historical Society.

Kathy finished the meeting by saying she would be on leave on Friday, February 17.